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SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President. If Senator Byars would respond to a question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: I will yield, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Byars, what is the definition of a motor craft, for...I mean,...

SENATOR BYARS: Well, this is...

SENATOR HALL: ...does a John boat qualify, something without a motor that...a canoe?

SENATOR BYARS: No.

SENATOR HALL: What is a...what's the definition?

SENATOR BYARS: No. If it doesn't have a motor, if it doesn't have a motor, it's not covered in this bill.

SENATOR HALL: What if it doesn't have a motor, I buy it, it can be outfitted with a motor? For example, you can buy a number of speedboats but the motors are detachable, they're replaced from time to time. I buy the boat without the motor, does it then qualify under this act? Even though it could be a 15 thousand dollar piece of equipment, the motor would then make it a 25 thousand dollar piece of equipment. Is it exempt then from the titling act?

SENATOR BYARS: Senator Hall, yes, it could be. As motor craft is defined, it's something that is...it can be temporarily equipped with a detachable motor. It wouldn't include the type of boat that has a valid marine document, for an example, that's issued by the Bureau of Customs. But, yes, that could happen. Now, normally speaking, customarily, and when people sell boats they sell it with the motor attached, but you're right, absolutely.

SENATOR HALL: That's...my point is that it's possible for me who has a boat already, has just bought a new motor for that boat, then came across a great deal when I went down to the boat show, bought the boat without the motor because I could put the new motor that I had from my old boat in there and basically be